

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): NOBUAKI TSUJI, et al.

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Examiner: Ori Nadav

Atty. Dkt. 277019 51270

C-M Client Ref

Filed: October 18, 2001

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR INPUT PROTECTION CIRCUIT

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Date: January 8, 2004

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Preliminary Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
 - ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 1808) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of October 8, 2003 to

(1 mo)	\$110/\$55	
(2 mos)	\$420/\$210	+ 950
(3 mos)	\$950/\$475	

 cover the date this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below)
8. PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$770 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$385 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 51270 / 277019

NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred! NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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NOTE: File this Request (plus enclosures, if any) in duplicate and with PTO receipt (PAT-103A)

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